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To: Delta Protection Commission  
From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director  
Subject: CALFED Category III Program

Attached is current information regarding the CALFED Category III program.

## Memorandum

Date: August 25, 1997

To: BDAC Members

From: Kate Hansel  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: Restoration Coordination Program Update

### Summary

1997 Request for Proposals (RFP) Update. CALFED received approximately 410 proposals in response to the 1997 Category III RFP. That includes 320 formal proposals requesting funding and 90 Inquiry Submittals requesting information on possible future funding. The amount requested was approximately \$630 million. A general summary of the types of proposals received was mailed to all BDAC members several weeks ago. Staff has created a detailed database to track and summarize the proposals.

Panels are being formed to conduct the evaluation and recommend selection of the proposals to the Ecosystem Roundtable and the CALFED Policy Group. Evaluation and selection information will also be provided to BDAC. Review of the funding package is expected to take place in October and November.

A two-tiered selection process has been adopted; technical review panels will score the individual proposals and an integration panel will identify funding priorities and recommend a proposal funding package. Membership of the integration and technical review panels will be balanced in terms of technical expertise and agency/non-agency representation. We are forming 10 to 15 technical review panels to handle the volume of proposals that need to be reviewed. The technical panels will score the proposals in September.

The list of Integration Panel members is attached to this memo. The panel has met in August and will continue meeting in September. The panel may establish funding priorities based on the types of proposals received (such as planning, research, implementation, education, monitoring, operation and maintenance) and on species, habitats, ecological processes, and limiting factors or stressors. Other criteria may be used, as well.

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#### CALFED Agencies

<b>California</b>	The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board	<b>Federal</b>	Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service
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Restoration Coordination. CALFED staff are using several approaches to improve coordination between Category III and other ecosystem restoration programs. A significant effort has been made to use the integration panel for both Category III and CVPIA prioritization and project selection. In addition, staff who are familiar with other related funding sources such as Department of Fish and Game funding programs, Four Pumps and Tracy Mitigation Agreement are on the Integration Panel. We convened a meeting on August 22 of representatives of these and other related funding programs to discuss the coordination of priority setting, project selection, project management, and other related issues.

Ecosystem Roundtable. Based on legal advice, this RFP has been conducted following State contract law which requires that all proposals remain confidential until a final selection is made. This restriction means that individual proposals cannot be distributed to the public, including the Roundtable or BDAC. Given the restriction, staff are working with the Roundtable to maximize their role in guiding the final funding package. For example, the Roundtable will be asked to respond to the priorities recommended by the Integration Panel, for guidance and advice on the final funding package in terms of the funding levels for categories of actions, and the overall funding allocated in this funding cycle. For future Category III funding cycles, CALFED has asked the Attorney General's Office to evaluate whether this program can be re-designed so that proposal selection would remain fair and objective while addressing the Roundtable's concerns on its current role in project selection.

#### **Action - Information Item**

The information provided above and at the upcoming BDAC meeting are meant to bring BDAC up-to-date on Restoration Coordination activities and to address comments regarding those activities.

#### **Detailed Information**

Staff will provide a more detailed summary of the proposals, an update on coordination activities, and an updated schedule of Restoration Coordination activities at the meeting.

#### **Attachment**

### 1997 Category III Integration Panel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expertise</u>
Serg Birk	CVP Water Association	Fisheries, Sac River watershed
Randy Brown	Department of Water Resources	Fisheries, water quality
Jerry Bruns	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Water quality, watershed, fisheries
Dan Castleberry	US Fish and Wildlife Service	CVPIA/AFRP, fisheries
Jim Frazier	US Forest Service	Hydrologist, upper watershed
Rod Fujita	Environmental Defense Fund	Fisheries, ecosystem
Bruce Herbold	US EPA	Fisheries, delta emphasis
Perry Herrgesell	Department of Fish and Game	Fisheries
Elise Holland	The Bay Institute	Fisheries, Delta emphasis
Diana Jacobs	State Lands Commission	Ecologist, river physical processes
Roy Leidy	EIP Associates	Fisheries and forestry resources, watershed tributary
Jim McKeivitt	US Fish and Wildlife Service	CVPIA, wildlife biology
Frank Michny	USBR	Wildlife biology, CVPIA
Terry Mills	CALFED	Fisheries, ecosystem processes
Dave Paullin	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Migratory birds, seasonal wetlands
Tim Ramirez	Tuolumne River Preservation Trust	Hydrologist, San Joaquin watershed
Dudley Reiser	R2 Resource Consultants	Aquatic/ fisheries, PacNW exposure
Pete Rhoads	MWDSC	Aquatic/ fisheries, ecosystem
Tom Taylor	Entrix	Aquatic habitats/ fisheries, broad emphasis
Dave Vogel	NRS Inc.	Aquatic/ fisheries, Sac River and SJ Watershed emphasis

**CALFED Bay Delta Program**  
**Category III Ecosystem Restoration Proposals Received**

<b>Applicant Type</b>	<b>Number of Proposals</b>	<b>Funds Requested (\$ in thousands)</b>
California State Agencies (including in-state universities)	71	102,398
Federal Agencies	52	107,675
Non-profit Organizations	56	52,621
Other Private Entities	55	27,790
Other Public Entities		
Educational Institutions	2	1,216
Resource Conservation District	8	7,570
Irrigation/Water District	19	58,180
Reclamation District	9	25,514
City	12	18,837
County	11	5,343
Other	23	15,964
Joint Venture	14	48,278
	<b>332</b>	<b>471,386</b>
<b>Project Type</b>		
Watershed Management Planning & Implementation	24	10,426
Construction	52	116,620
Land Acquisition	26	173,513
Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Restoration	64	51,960
Water Quality	19	48,078
Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting	95	52,338
Research	38	15,604
Education	14	2,847
Operations and Maintenance	0	0
	<b>332</b>	<b>471,386</b>
<b>Requested Amount (in thousands)</b>		
0 - 250	106	13,168
250 - 500	77	29,324
500 - 1000	60	43,071
1000 - 2000	51	78,358
2000 - 5000	11	38,085
5000 - 10,000	17	114,054
10,000 - 30,000	10	155,326
	<b>332</b>	<b>471,386</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>471,386</b>

CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
Ecosystem Restoration Category III Proposals Received  
July 1997

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Dollar</u> <u>Amount</u> (in thousands)	<u># of</u> <u>Proposals</u> <u>Received</u>
Watershed Management Planning and Implementation	0	0
Construction	22,952	12
Land Acquisition	26,550	3
Acquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Restoration	8,814	10
Water Quality	3,283	4
Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting	21,533	35
Research	4,261	11
Education	1,120	4
Operations and Maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA	88,513	79